GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1883
ANSWERED ON:04.08.2003
PROBLEMS OF FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the firing on agitating farmers in Andhra Pradesh resulting in a number of casualties;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps since taken by the Government to assist the farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): An incident of Police firing and lathi charge occurred on 25.6.2003 near police station at Chevella, Ranga Reddy district to disperse farmers who stormed police station and threw stones alleging police high handedness. In the firing incident a farmer and another person were hit by the bullets and were admitted to hospital. Another person running a mutton shop was injured during lathi charge at that time and he died on 26.6.2003.

(c): Steps taken by the State Government to assist the farmers are given in statement enclosed.

ANNEXURE

Statement to be referred to in regard to part `c` of the Lok Sabha question no.1883

Following steps are taken by the Andhra Pradesh Government to assist farmers:-

(1) Government have decided to supply all seeds of dry crops except cotton on 50 percent subsidy during 2003-04.

(2) As on date against overall planned quantity of 1.14 lakh quintals, 85,121 quintals were positioned and 47,521 quintals were distributed on 50% subsidy.

(3) Besides this against 4.0 lakh quintals of groundnut seed planned for supply 3.84 lakh quintals were positioned and 3.8 lakh quintals were sold on subsidy of about Rs.925 to Rs.990 per quintal.

(4) 36,600 quintals of certified seeds of soyabean were positioned and 32,435 quintals were sold at a subsidy rate of Rs.600/- per quintal.

(5) Overall plan for supply of seeds of all crop including subsidy sale, was about 12.26 lakh quintals for Kharif, 2003. So far 11.21 lakh quintals were positioned and 9.17 lakh quintals were distributed.

(6) Government agencies viz. Andhra Pradesh State Seeds Development Corporation, A.P.OILFED and HACA have been asked to organize seed production, sufficient to cater needs to future requirement.

(7) Enhanced seed production of varieties, which are in demand, of both notified and private bred varieties.
(8) Steps are being taken to maintain seed chain in groundnut, for supply of quality seed to the farmers.

(9) `Seeds Village Programme` is being implemented by supplying foundation seeds of selfpollinated crops in small packs to produce their own seed, and to make available seeds in demand locally.